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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 9566**

Akihiro Niki et al. : Docket No. 2002-0329A

Serial No. 10/089,044 : Group Art Unit 1712

Filed July 10, 2002 : Examiner Jeffrey Robertson

THE USE OF THERMOPLASTIC : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**
ELASTOMER, AND THE PRODUCTION
METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated December 7, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
FEES FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT
ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please replace the Abstract with the attached substitute Abstract consisting of a single sheet.